

Managing New and Unresolved Issues in the Next Water Plan Update

Parking Lot Topics for Next Water Plan Update

This list is based on the “Parking Lot Topics” handout presented at the August 17 full Advisory Committee meeting. The list was amended to include changes to reflect comments received at the AC Meeting and at subsequent public workshops:

- September 14 AC Public Process Design Workshop
- October 12 “Parking Lot Topics” Workshop

Revisions since the August 17 AC Meeting are in **bold**. Items are not arranged in any particular order.

Policy Topics

1. Add more details on funding mechanisms
2. Describe how to implement beneficiary pays and user fees
3. Consider **economic theory as well as** alternatives to economic theory for water allocation & distribution
4. Discuss privatization of public water systems
5. Consider resource management strategies used by Indigenous Peoples
- 6. Explore the implications of** a statewide groundwater law
7. Consider State purchase of federal water facilities
8. Assess impact of water right decisions on communities
9. Discuss relationships with Western U.S. and Mexico
10. Track implementation of previous Updates
11. Consider the Water Plan's social and political ramifications to communities – i.e., legislative actions, data, and decision-making affected by the Water Plan
12. Integrate water and energy policy recommendations
13. DWR needs a technical advisory group similar to the Advisory Committee to address technical needs of the Water Plan
14. Consider ways to merge watershed management efforts and plans & integrated regional water management efforts and plans

Process Topics (new)

- 15. Have regional representation reflected in the next Advisory Committee**
- 16. Have stakeholder representation on two dimensions: Communities of Interest (i.e. all policy interests at the table) and Communities of Place (i.e. all regions at the table).**

- 17. Align DWR resources and programs to better support integrated regional planning throughout the state**
- 18. Coordinate with other State agencies to have consistent policies in support of integrated regional planning efforts**
- 19. Develop the Water Plan Glossary early and deliberately in the next Water Plan Update process**

Technical Topics

20. Develop the Water Plan Information Exchange (Water PIE)
21. More “actual” years for water portfolio, especially a series of dry years
22. More local detail for Regional Reports & Water Portfolios
23. More groundwater information (quantity, quality & overdraft)
24. Change environmental water accounting and presentation
25. Improve the transparency of data. Show how data is used from water management plans (UWMP, GWMP, etc.)
- 26. Roll-up Urban Water Management Plans into regional data analyses**
27. Develop a mechanism for quality assurance as data is compiled and rolled up into higher levels
28. More Scenarios and Response Packages based on more factors
29. Interrelationships / integration among Resource Management Strategies
30. Provide a comprehensive analytical framework to expand on Update 2005, Refine future supply and demand estimates
31. Include a “Gap” analysis; either past one or more comprehensive
32. Complete AB 2587 analysis – agricultural water demand for food security
33. More on climate change impacts and responses
34. More on energy cost impacts and water – energy relationships
35. Provide additional info on unmet environmental objectives, and more on instream flows (existing & environmental needs assessment)
36. More on flood risk
37. Present brackish water and seawater desalination as separate strategies
38. More discussion on water marketing & transfer impacts
39. Change the way Wild & Scenic Rivers are characterized
- 40. Analyze discrepancies of development plans in individual counties on different parts of the same river.**